# Exhibit D

## **Conversation Contents**

**Materials** 

### **Vincent Devito**

From: Vincent Devito

**Sent:** Thu Aug 24 2017 14:53:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To:

Subject: Materials

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## **James Schindler**

From: James Schindler

**Sent:** Thu Aug 24 2017 15:07:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To:

**Subject:** Fwd: Materials

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From: Vincent Devito

Date: August 24, 2017 at 4:53:28 PM EDT

To: james.schindler@boem.gov

**Subject: Materials** 

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# James Schindler <james.schindler@boem.gov>

From: James Schindler

**Sent:** Thu Aug 24 2017 15:11:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: nicole.cooper@boem.gov

**Subject:** Fwd: Materials

Hey Nicole, Karla is out tomorrow. Could you do this for me? Let me know and thanks!

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From: James Schindler

Date: August 24, 2017 at 5:07:46 PM EDT

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From: "Cooper, Nicole"

**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 2017 07:05:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: James Schindler

**Subject:** Re: Materials

Good morning James,

I'll get the key to your office and scan the booklet for you.

#### Thanks/Nicole

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### "Schindler, James"

From: "Schindler, James"

**Sent:** Mon Aug 28 2017 11:13:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Cooper, Nicole"

**Subject:** Re: Materials

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On Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 9:05 AM, Cooper, Nicole

wrote:

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From: "Cooper, Nicole"

**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 2017 06:19:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Schindler, James"

Subject: Re: Materials

#### My pleasure!

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#### **Presentation**

#### **Attachments:**

/84. Presentation/1.1 Bay State Wind Update\_Schindler.pdf //84. Presentation/4.1 Bay State Wind Update Schindler.pdf

# "Cooper, Nicole" <nicole.cooper@boem.gov>

From: "Cooper, Nicole"

**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 2017 07:32:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)

**To:** Gisella Ojeda-dodds

**CC:** James Schindler

Subject: Presentation

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Good morning Gisella,

Per James Schindler, please forward this presentation to Mr. Vincent Devito.

#### Thank you,

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## "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella"

From: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella"

**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 2017 07:38:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Cooper, Nicole"

CC: James Schindler

**Subject:** Re: Presentation

Thanks so much! I will give this to him.

On Fri, Aug 25, 2017 at 9:32 AM, Cooper, Nicole

wrote:

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## "Cooper, Nicole"

"Cooper, Nicole" From:

Sent: Fri Aug 25 2017 07:38:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Ojeda-dodds, Gisella"

CC: James Schindler Re: Presentation Subject:

My pleasure!

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**Sent:** Tue Aug 29 2017 08:57:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)

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Dear Mr. DeVito,

We appreciate the opportunity to offer recommendations pursuant to Executive Order 13771, "Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs." DONG Energy is a diversified energy company based in Denmark whose U.S. subsidiary's headquarters are in Boston. DONG Energy is the global leader in the development and operation of offshore wind farms, with 22 offshore wind farms in Europe and Asia comprising over 3,500 MW of capacity. DONG Energy has experience developing and operating projects under multiple regulatory regimes and recognizes the importance of an expedited permitting process that allows businesses to optimize value for consumers while minimizing environmental impacts and coordinating with other marine stakeholders. DONG Energy Wind Power (U.S.) Inc is committed to the safe, cost-effective and efficient development of the offshore wind industry in the U.S.

Executive Order 13771 directed executive departments and agencies to manage the costs associated with complying with Federal regulations and identify savings associated with existing regulations. We offer the following recommendations to streamline existing regulations and ensure the safe and efficient development of offshore wind projects in the U.S.

In addition to the recommendations identified below, the company acknowledges the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's (BOEM)'s current efforts to streamline existing guidelines and publish new guidelines. DONG Energy appreciates the importance of this work and recommends that this work be progressed on an accelerated timeline.

Recommendations to Streamline Offshore Wind Regulations

Pursuant to Executive Order 13771, DONG Energy recommends that BOEM implement the following changes to speed the permitting process, reduce costs and provide greater certainty in the development process without compromising environmental or safety protections.

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- 1. BOEM should implement a rigorous plan-preview process that includes mandatory review timelines for the entire National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review process, including the scoping process and the ultimate agency decision. This would enable a thorough plan-review process while ensuring the process is more predictable, transparent and expeditious. A more streamlined and predictable plan review process will reduce scheduling uncertainty, cost and financial risk. BOEM should ensure that review timelines are consistent with the Department of Interior's regulations and include all required consultations. See 40 C.F.R. § 1501.8.
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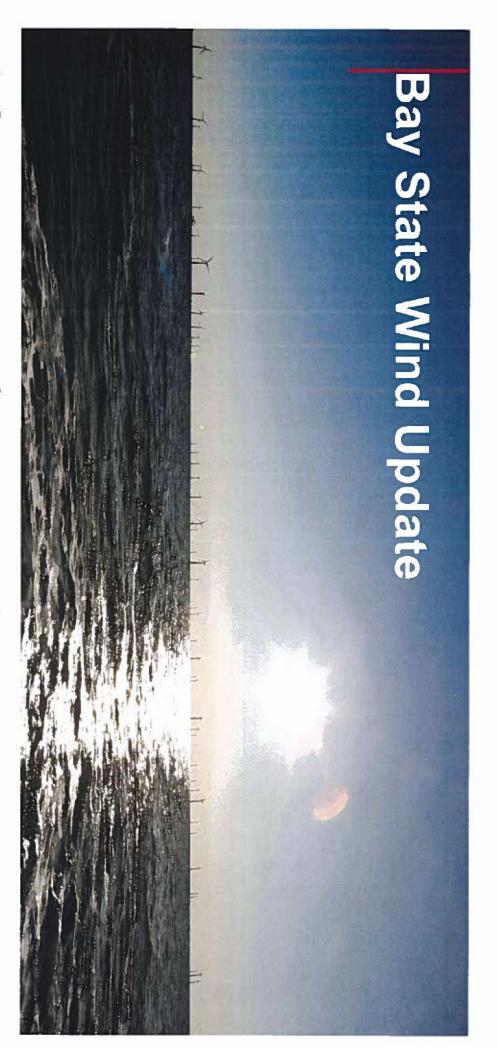
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